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An image processing method is provided for instructing an image output unit to output onto a recording medium a reference image based on a predetermined patch pattern, and for generating an image output condition of the image output unit on the basis of read data of the reference image output by the image output unit. In the patch pattern, plural identical patches are disposed at different positions on the recording medium. Thus, it is possible to prevent an influence of reading error due to a position of an image reading unit and to generate the satisfactory image output condition on the basis of the reference image formed by the image output unit.

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